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THERE FOLLOWS A LISTING OF SOME OF THE SIGNIFICANT ISSUES RESPONDED TO BY STATION KOMU-TV THROUGH ITS NEWS PROGRAMMING FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1ST, 2010 TO MARCH 31ST, 2010. THE LISTING IS BY NO MEANS EXHAUSTIVE, BUT INSTEAD SHOWS THE DEPTH AND BREADTH OF COVERAGE. THE ORDER IN WHICH THE ISSUES APPEAR DOES NOT REFLECT ANY PRIORITY OR SIGNIFICANCE.

1ST QUARTER ISSUES: CONSUMER ISSUES, CRIME, DRUG/ALCOHOL ABUSE, GOVERNMENT, HEALTH, EDUCATION, JOBS/ECONOMY

DESCRIPTION OF ISSUE	PROGRAM/ SEGMENT	DATE	TIME	DURATION	NARRATION OF TYPE AND DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM/SEGMENT
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/1	10 pm	1:00	THE NUMBERS ARE IN... AND FEWER MID-MISSOURIANS CHOSE TO DRINK AND DRIVE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE... THE CELEBRATIONS SURROUNDING THE NEW YEAR'S EVE HAVE COME AND GONE... AND AT THOSE CELEBRATIONS, ALCOHOL OFTEN IS A MAIN ATTRACTION. SO IT SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE THAT POLICE DEPARTMENTS ALL ACROSS MID-MISSOURI TOOK TO THE STREETS TO SPOT IMPAIRED DRIVERS. IN FACT, A FEDERAL GRANT ALLOWED THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT TO PUT MORE OFFICERS ON D-W-I DETAIL. BUT DID IT WORK... APPARENTLY IT DID. THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTED ONLY FOUR D-W-I ARRESTS FOR THIS NEW YEAR'S EVE.
Jobs/Economy	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/2	6 pm	2:00	AMAZON SAYS ITS E-READER... THE KINDLE... WAS THE MOST-PURCHASED GIFT IN ITS HISTORY. KOMU 8'S PAIGE HANSEN TALKED TO LOCAL BOOK SELLERS TO SEE HOW THEIR SALES STAND UP TO DIGITAL ONES. SINCE 2006 THE NATION'S LARGEST BOOKSELLER, BARNES AND NOBLE HAS SEEN NEARLY A

					50 PERCENT CUT IN TOTAL NET EARNINGS. BUT LOCAL BOOKSELLERS HERE HAVE A DIFFERENT STORY.
Health	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/3	10 p.m.	3:00	NEW MAMMOGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS SENT SHOCK WAVES THROUGH THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY. AN ARIZONA BASED RESEARCH COMPANY SAYS IT HAS A BREAST CANCER TEST THAT CAN HELP DETECT THE CANCER EVEN EARLIER THAN A MAMMOGRAM. THE BLOOD TEST IS THE BIOMARKER TRANSLATION TEST OR THE BT TEST. IT IS A SIMPLE BLOOD TEST THAT HELPS WITH THE EARLY DETECTION OF BREAST CANCER. THE TEST IS MARKETED BY PROVISTA LIFE SCIENCES AND IS AVAILABLE IN COLUMBIA THROUGH <u>ANY LAB TEST NOW</u> CENTERS. THE TEST IS NOT WIDELY AVAILABLE RIGHT NOW AND MANY DOCTORS DON'T RECOMMEND IT AS PART OF THEIR ANNUAL TESTING.
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/4	6 p.m.	1:00	THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL MEETS TONIGHT AND WILL VOTE ON NEW PROVISIONS FOR THE NEW YEAR. THE COUNCIL WILL LOOK AT FIVE PROVISIONS THAT CITY MANAGER BILL WATKINS SAYS WILL HELP COLUMBIA RUN A LITTLE SMOOTHER. THE FIRST WOULD REMOVE THE CHARTER THAT SAYS THE CITY'S WATER AND LIGHT DIRECTOR BE A REGISTERED ENGINEER. WATKINS SAYS THIS WILL OPEN UP A BROADER APPLICANT POOL. ANOTHER WILL ADD THE ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER TO THE DEPARTMENT HEADS IN THE EVENT THE ACTING MANAGER COULD NOT PERFORM HIS DUTY. A THIRD PROVISION WOULD CLARIFY ELECTION PROCEDURES WHEN COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO RUN FOR OFFICE. ANOTHER PROVISION RECOMMENDS REMOVING THE CURRENT RESTRICTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS

					BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF THE FISCAL YEAR. WATKINS SAYS THIS WILL OPEN UP OPPORTUNITY FOR FUNDING UNEXPECTED GRANTS.
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/5	10 p.m.	:45	AUDRAIN COUNTY AUTHORITIES HAVE CHARGED EIGHT MID-MISSOURIANS IN CONNECTION WITH MCNEELY'S DEATH IN DECEMBER. DAWN ALLEN SAID SHE FIRST MET MCNEELY AFTER HER SON BECAME GOOD FRIENDS WITH HIM IN 2006 AT A MILITARY SCHOOL. SOON AFTER, THEY ADOPTED MCNEELY AND GAVE HIM A NEW LIFE. ALLEN SAID SHE ONLY KNEW HER SON FOR FOUR YEARS, BUT HE'LL FOREVER BE IN HER HEART. WITH STATE REVENUE DOWN NEARLY ELEVEN PERCENT ... MISSOURI LAWMAKERS COULD HAVE ONE BILLION DOLLARS LESS TO SPEND BUDGET CUTS ARE ALMOST INEVITABLE. SENATOR SHIELDS LATER PROMISED TO RESTORE THE PUBLIC'S TRUST IN THE ECONOMY... BY CREATING JOBS AND REFUSING TO RAISE TAXES.
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/6	6 p.m.	1:30	
Education	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/7	10 p.m.	1:30	THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD EXPECTS A 5-POINT-8 MILLION DOLLAR CUT IN STATE FUNDING. AT IT'S MEETING TOMORROW THE BOARD WILL VOTE ON 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SPECIALIZED SCIENCE TEACHERS. THE DECISION OF WHETHER OR NOT TO LET GO OF ITS FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE TEACHERS HAS THE WILSONS DOWN. "Our kids have found a very good balance with having that special science teacher." WITH THE PROJECTED STATE BUDGET CUT ... C-P-S IS PROPSING CUTS TO MUSIC AND SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN ORDER TO KEEP TEACHERS SALARIES WHERE THEY'RE AT.

Economy	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/8	6 p.m.	1:30	<p>85-THOUSAND AMERICAN WORKERS LOST THEIR JOBS IN DECEMBER. THAT WAS MORE THAN EXPECTED - AND CAPS A TERRIBLE YEAR ON THE JOBS FRONT. JITTERY U-S EMPLOYERS THREW ANOTHER EIGHTY-FIVE THOUSAND PEOPLE ONTO THE UNEMPLOYMENT LINES LAST MONTH. WHILE MORE THAN EXPECTED ... IT'S NOT ENOUGH TO MOVE THE NATION'S UNEMPLOYMENT RATE ABOVE TEN PERCENT. CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WERE THE HARDEST HIT ... MORE THAN 53-THOUSAND JOBS LOST ... A LARGE NUMBER OF THEM BELIEVED TO BE BECAUSE OF WEATHER. BUT ECONOMISTS BELIEVE THE 10 PER CENT UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS DECEPTIVELY LOW ... 660-THOUSAND PEOPLE AREN'T EVEN COUNTED BECAUSE THEY'VE GIVEN UP ON LOOKING FOR JOBS.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/9	10 p.m.	1:30	<p>THE COLUMBIA CITY COUNCIL IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS TO THE <u>PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION</u>. SIX SPOTS WILL GO TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC... AND THREE OTHER SPOTS ARE RESERVED FOR A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE BICYCLE- PEDESTRIAN COMMISSION... THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI... AND THE DISABILITIES COMMISSION. A CROWD OF PEOPLE WAIT FOR THEIR BUSES OUTSIDE WABASH STATION. MANY OF THESE REGULAR RIDERS KNOW THE UPS -- AND DOWNS -- OF COLUMBIA'S PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. "I want them to make more routes for us. I mean, I want to go places, and Columbia's not that big, but it IS when you're on foot." NOW THAT THE CITY COUNCIL IS ACCEPTING</p>

					<p>APPLICATIONS TO THE <u>PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMISSION</u>. THESE BUS RIDERS HAVE THE CHANCE TO BE HEARD.</p> <p>"If I have appointments, and if I have to be somewhere at a certain time, it's hard to get there when the buses are late."</p> <p>TRANSPORTATION FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES MAY SEE IMPROVEMENTS, TOO.</p> <p>"For the most part, there's not service after six o'clock with the paratransit program"</p> <p>INCREASED HOURS, AS WELL AS AN EXPANDED PICK-UP AREA.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/10	10 p.m.	:30	<p>POLICE IN LAKE OZARK RESCUED A MAN KIDNAPPED FRIDAY IN NEW JERSEY AND ARRESTED THREE SUSPECTS.</p> <p>OFFICIALS FREED FIFTY-NINE-YEAR-OLD JEFF MULLER AFTER A LAKE OZARK CONVENIENCE STORE EMPLOYEE SAW HIM TRYING TO ESCAPE.</p> <p>THE THREE SUSPECTS ARE ALL FROM WESTERN MISSOURI.</p> <p>THE STAR-LEDGER OF NEWARK, NEW JERSEY REPORTED THE SUSPECTS KIDNAPPED MULLER ON FRIDAY MORNING OUTSIDE HIS PET STORE USING A STUN GUN, AND BOUND HIS HANDS AND FEET.</p>
Education	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/11	6 p.m.	1:00	<p>I'M HERE AT HICKMAN HIGH SCHOOL WHERE THERE WILL BE BIG CHANGES IF THE BOND PASSES.</p> <p>ALTHOUGH ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS SOUNDS LIKE A LOT, YOU WON'T FEEL THE PINCH AS MUCH AS YOU MIGHT THINK.</p> <p>IN FACT, THIS PROPOSAL WAS ORIGINALLY TWO BOND ISSUES... SIXTY MILLION EACH.</p> <p>THOSE ISSUES ARE NOW COMBINED AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL VOTE ON THE ONE HUNDRED TWENTY MILLION IN ABOUT AN HOUR.</p> <p>THE BOND ISSUE IS NOT FOR SALARIES. SO, WHAT EXACTLY IS THIS MONEY FOR?</p> <p>SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT MEES SAYS THE BOND WILL GO TO A NEW ELEMENTARY AND HIGH</p>

					<p>SCHOOL AND OTHER BUILDING EXPANSION.</p> <p>HERE'S A BIG CHANGE: HIGH SCHOOLS IN COLUMBIA WOULD THEN BE NINTH THROUGH TWELFTH GRADES.</p> <p>AND THAT MEANS COLUMBIA IS GOING BACK TO A 3-SCHOOL SYSTEM -- BUT THIS TIME IT'S A LITTLE DIFFERENT--ADDING A FRESHMAN YEAR TO HIGH SCHOOL.</p> <p>THIS CUTS THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SCHOOLS THAT STUDENTS ATTEND.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/12	6 p.m.	1:00	<p>THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BEGAN A STAFF INFORMATION SESSION AT 5:30 AND THE PUBLIC HEARING JUST BEGAN A FEW MINUTES AGO.</p> <p>I TALKED WITH A FEW CUSTOMERS WHO ARE UNHAPPY WITH THE POTENTIAL PRICE HIKE.</p> <p>AN 18 PERCENT RATE RAISE WOULD MEAN ABOUT 14 DOLLARS PER MONTH ON AMEREN ELECTRICITY CUSTOMER'S BILLS.</p> <p>AMEREN CURRENTLY PROVIDES ELECTRICITY TO MORE THAN 1 MILLION CUTOMERS IN THE STATE, SPECIFICALLY IN CITIES LIKE HERE IN JEFFERSON CITY, MOBERLY, MEXICO, BOONEVILLE, ASHLAND, AND ELDON.</p> <p>AMEREN FILED THE ELECTRIC RATE HEIGHT PROPOSAL BACK IN JULY, SEEKING TO INCREASE ANNUAL OPERATING REVENUE BY ABOUT 402 MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>I TALKED TO AN AMEREN REPRESENTATIVE EARLIER WHO SAID WITH THE RATE HIKE, AMEREN ELECTRICITY IN MISSOURI WILL STILL BE WELL BELOW THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY AVERAGE PRICE.</p> <p>WITH THE ECONOMY SUFFERING, CUSTOMERS ARE NOT HAPPY.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/13	6 p.m.	1:20	<p>MORE THAN FOUR HUNDRED PEOPLE RALLIED AGAINST FEDERAL HEALTH CARE REFORM TODAY IN JEFFERSON CITY.</p> <p>STATE LEGISLATORS PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS</p>

					<p>THAT WOULD GIVE MISSOURIANS A CHOICE.</p> <p>ACTIVISTS FILLED THE CAPITOL TO HEAR LAWMAKERS' RALLY FOR STATES RIGHTS.</p> <p>ORGANIZERS SAY THEY'RE PLEASED WITH THE TURNOUT SEVERAL LEGISLATORS SPOKE IN FAVOR OF ALLOWING MISSOURIANS THE CHANCE TO AMEND THE STATES CONSTITUTION.</p> <p>THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS, IF PASSED, WOULD GIVE MISSOURI RESIDENTS THE OPTION DENY POTENTIAL FEDERAL HEALTH CARE AND NOT BE PENALIZED</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/14	6 p.m.	1:30	<p>A COLUMBIA THEATRE GROUP OPENED THE CURTAINS TONIGHT TO BRING AWARENESS TO AUTISM.</p> <p>THE PERFORMING ARTS IN CHILDRENS EDUCATION YOUTH THEATRE GROUP, OR PACE, HOPES THE PREMIERE OF ITS BRAND NEW PLAY WILL EDUCATE AND ENTERTAIN AUDIENCES.</p> <p>THE PLAY, WINDOW PAINS, IS ABOUT THE STRUGGLES FACING A FAMILY DEALING WITH AUTISM.</p> <p>BOTH THE PLAY'S DIRECTOR AND AUTISM THERAPISTS INVOLVED SAY THE NEED FOR UNDERSTANDING IS GREAT...</p>
Economy	KOMU 8 News Today	1/15	5:30 a.m.	:40	<p>TRIPLE-A REPORTS THE AVERAGE PRICE OF A GALLON OF GAS IS UP NEARLY 70-PERCENT FROM THIS TIME LAST YEAR.</p> <p>ITS CREEPING TOWARD THE 3-DOLLAR RANGE IN SOME PLACES.</p> <p>THE HIGHER PRICES ARE IN PART, THE RESULT OF GLOBAL ECONOMIES CLIMBING OUT OF LAST YEARS RECESSION, CREATING MORE DEMAND FOR OIL.</p> <p>MISSOURI PRICES ARE BELOW AVERAGE AT 2.57.</p> <p>THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS 2-75.</p> <p>A YEAR AGO A GALLON COST YOU 1-67.</p> <p>HERE IN COLUMBIA... PRICES ARE SITTING AT 2-49.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/16	6:00 p.m.	1:25	<p>THE ORGANIATION AWARDED A 200-THOUSAND DOLLAR GRANT TO THE MISSOURI CORN MERCHANDISING</p>

					<p>COUNCIL THIS WEEK.</p> <p>THEY WILL USE THAT MONEY TO BUILD ETHANOL STATIONS ACROSS THE STATE.</p> <p>WITH NEW MONEY FROM THE U.S DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY HE IS EXCITED TO HELP MAKE THE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FUEL MORE AVAILBLE TO MID-MISSOURI DRIVERS.</p> <p>"The big gain of using higher ethanol blends of course is the environment and less foreign oil being brought into this country and using more homemade and renewable fuels, keeping jobs here in the U.S"</p> <p>MISSOURI CORN MERCHANDISING COUNCIL WILL INSTALL 16 ETHANOL-GASOLINE BLENDER STATIONS IN MISSOURI, GIVING CONSUMERS MORE FUEL CHOICES</p> <p>" If manufactures will build multi fuel engines so we could have a choice that would be a choice I would certainly consider using"</p> <p>DRIVERS LOOKING TO LOWER THEIR CARBON FOOTPRINT WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE NEW FUEL UP AT THE BLENDER STATIONS AS LONG AS THEIR VEHICLE IS COMPATABLE WITH ETHONAL.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/17	10 p.m.	1:20	<p>IT'S BEEN A WEEK SINCE THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGED UP THE SHIFTS FOR ITS OFFICERS IN ORDER TO PUT MORE OFFICERS ON THE GROUND DURING PEAK CRIME HOURS. THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT CHANGED THE SHIFTS FOR ITS OFFICERS FROM FOUR- TEN HOUR SHIFTS A WEEK... TO THREE- TWELVE HOUR SHIFTS.</p> <p>POLICE ANALYZED WHEN CALLS FOR HELP CAME MOST OFTEN.</p> <p>THE NEW SCHEDULE PUTS TEN OFFICERS ON THE STREETS BETWEEN 3 AND 8 A-M, AND 20 OFFICERS BETWEEN TWO AND 10 PM.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THEY'VE SEEN SOME IMMEDIATE RESULTS.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at 10	1/18	10 p.m.	:40	<p>THERE'S ANOTHER CANDIDATE TO REPLACE RETIRING COLUMBIA MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN.</p>

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Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/19	10 p.m.	1:30	<p>AS FAR AS A POLITICAL PLATFORM GOES... MCDAVID SAYS DEVELOPMENT, THE ECONOMY, AND CRIME ARE HIS FOREMOST CONCERNS.</p> <p>A BIPARTISAN EFFORT TO ISSUE CLOSE TO A BILLION DOLLARS IN BONDS FOR STATE PROJECTS IS BACK ON THE AGENDA AT THE CAPITOL.</p> <p>COLUMBIA DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVE CHRIS KELLY WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE THE MONEY FOR THAT PROJECT...AND MORE AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE STATE.</p> <p>HE IS PROPOSING A STATE BOND ISSUE WORTH 800 MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>UNDER KELLY'S PLAN, THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI WOULD GET MORE THAN 50 MILLION DOLLARS.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/20	6 p.m.	:45	<p>THIS PAST DECEMBER, A JURY FOUND REX BARSTOW GUILTY OF THREE COUNTS OF VANDALISM IN CLARK, MISSOURI.</p> <p>BARSTOW, WITH THE HELP OF A JUVENILE, VANDALIZED THE MONUMENTS FOR OMAR BRADLEY AND ROSWELL SAYRE AS WELL AS VANDALIZING A SHED USED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.</p> <p>IT SEEMED THAT RESTITUTION WAS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY OF THE CITY OF CLARK.</p> <p>IN ADDITION TO PAYING SEVEN THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED, AND SIXTY THREE DOLLARS, BARSTOW WILL</p>

					<p>SERVE THIRTY DAYS IN PRISON AND BE ON PROBATION FOR SIX YEARS-- WHICH IS THE MAXIMUM SENTENCE. BARSTOW HAS QUITE A CRIMINAL HISTORY, DATING BACK TO 1969.</p> <p>HIS ATTORNEY SAYS HE IS PRETTY UPSET ABOUT THIS WHOLE ORDEAL BUT WOULD NOT OTHERWISE COMMENT.</p> <p>BARSTOW WILL REPORT TO JAIL ON FEBRUARY THIRD.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/21	6 p.m.	1:00	<p>LAST NIGHT BETWEEN FIVE AND ELEVEN, VIRTUALLY ALL MEDIACOM INTERNET USERS COULD NOT USE THE INTERNET.</p> <p>THE OUTAGE OCCURRED IN TWENTY TWO STATES, BUT MOST OF THE IMPACTED CUSTOMERS LIVE IN MISSOURI, IOWA, ILLINOIS, AND MINNESOTA.</p> <p>THE COMPANY DECLINED TO GO ON CAMERA ABOUT THIS ISSUE...</p> <p>AND LOCAL MEDIACOM REPRESENTATIVE PHYLLIS PETERS SAID THE COMPANY DOES NOT KNOW THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE INCIDENT.</p> <p>PETERS SAID MEDIACOM ENGINEERS FOUND TOO MANY USERS FUNNELING THROUGH ONE ONLINE PATH.</p> <p>THIS MEANS USERS EXPERIENCED SLOW LOADING TIMES OR JUST COULDN'T LOG ONLINE.</p> <p>TWO CUSTOMERS TOLD ME THIS OUTAGE WAS JUST ONE OF MANY PROBLEMS THEY'VE HAD WITH THE MEDIACOM INTERNET SERVICE</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Five	1/22	5 p.m.	1:00	<p>THE 18 BILLION DOLLAR BUDGET GAP MO-DOT IS TALKING ABOUT IS A GAP CREATED OVER THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS.</p> <p>STATE AUDITOR SUSAN MONTEE TOLD ME THAT WITH A TIMEFRAME THAT LARGE, YOU NEED TO TAKE INFLATION INTO ACCOUNT WHEN PROJECTING COSTS, BUT MO-DOT DIDN'T DO THAT.</p> <p>MO-DOT PROJECTED ITS FUTURE REVENUE BY SIMPLY MULTIPLYING ONE YEAR OF REVENUE BY 20,</p>

					<p>BUT THE ADUTOR SAYS THAT DOESN'T REALLY WORK. ON TOP OF THAT, MODOT'S PLAN WASN'T APPROVED BY THE STATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.</p> <p>MONTTEE SAYS THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED.</p> <p>SHE TOLD ME MO-DOT HAS DONE A GREAT JOB FORMING SHORT-TERM PLANS BUT ITS LONG-TERM FUNDING IS A DIFFERENT STORY.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/23	6 p.m.	:45	<p>AND TWITTER IS BECOMING A LARGE PART OF GETTING POLITICAL MESSAGES OUT TO THE COMMUNITY.. AND MANY LOCAL CANDIDATES ARE TAPPING INTO THE MEDIUM.</p> <p>SOME MAYORAL CANDIDATES HAVE STARTED USING TWITTER TO GET PEOPLE INTERESTED IN THEIR CAMPAIGNS.</p> <p>THEY ARE USING ANYTHING FROM TWITTER AND FACEBOOK, TO PERSONAL WEBSITES TO REACH A BROADER AUDIENCE.</p> <p>MOST CANDIDATES ARE USING TWITTER TO POST LINKS TO WEBSITES, URGE PEOPLE TO GET INVOLVED IN LOCAL ACTIVITIES OR ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO COME OUT TO CAMPAIGN EVENTS.</p> <p>MEDIA EXPERTS SAY TWITTER AND FACEBOOK ARE BECOMING A NEW WAY TO REACH PEOPLE AND IT IS SOMETHING POLITICIANS SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER.</p>
Economy	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/24	10 p.m.	:30	<p>AND SPEAKING OF JOBS WAL-MART HAS CUT MORE THAN 10-THOUSAND JOBS AT SAM'S CLUB.</p> <p>EMPLOYEES GOT THE GRIM NEWS THIS MORNING.</p> <p>WAL-MART IS OUTSOURCING ITS PRODUCT-SAMPLING DEPARTMENT TO A MARKETING COMPANY CALLED "SHOPPER EVENTS".</p> <p>THE C-E-O OF SAM'S CLUB SENT A MEMO TO STAFFERS, TELLING THEM "SHOPPER EVENTS" WILL BE FILLING ALMOST AS MANY POSITIONS AS WAL-MART IS</p>

					<p>ELIMINATING. EMPLOYEES ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THOSE JOBS.</p> <p>THE NEW BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATIVES POSITIONS WERE ELIMINATED TOO. AS YOU MAY EXPECT, IMPEACHING THE MAYOR IS NOT EASY.</p> <p>AT THE JANUARY 12TH MEETING THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN VOTED 3-1 TO HOLD AN IMPEACHMENT HEARING.</p> <p>BUT BEFORE AN IMPEACHMENT HEARING DATE COULD BE SET, THE CITY REALIZED THERE IS NO RESOLUTION ALLOWING THE BOARD TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IMPEACHMENT.</p> <p>SO TOMORROW NIGHT AT THE 6 O CLOCK MEETING THE BOARD WILL VOTE TO ADOPT AN IMPEACHMENT RESOLUTION INTO ITS CITY ORDINANCES.</p> <p>IF THE RESOLUTION IS PASSED, A DATE CAN BE SET FOR AN IMPEACHMENT HEARING.</p> <p>I SPOKE WITH MAYOR FRANZESKOS THIS AFTERNOON AND HE SAYS HE WAS BLINDSIDED BY THE IMPEACHMENT NOTICE, AND ADDED THE ALLEGATIONS ARE ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/25	10 p.m.	1:00	
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Ten	1/26	10 p.m.	1:30	<p>WHILE TECHNOLOGY AND THE INTERNET CONTINUE TO IMPROVE... SO DOES THE DIGITAL DIVIDE BETWEEN BIG CITIES AND SMALL TOWNS.</p> <p>BUT AS KOMU EIGHT'S JORDAN VANDENBERGE EXPLAINS... ONE FEDERAL PROGRAM WILL HELP ONE RURAL MISSOURI COMMUNITY BRIDGE THE BROADBAND GAP.</p> <p>THE HIGH SPEED FIBER OPTIC CABLES WILL SERVICE NEARLY FIVE-THOUSAND HOMES AND BUSINESSES.</p> <p>THE STATE'S MISSOURI BROADBAND NOW INITIATIVE AIMS TO GET BROADBAND TO MORE THAN 90-PERCENT OF THE STATE IN NEXT FIVE YEARS.</p>

Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/27	6 p.m.	1:30	<p>ABOUT ONE TRILLION TEXT MESSAGES WERE SENT IN THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR.</p> <p>SEVERAL LAWMAKERS WANT TO MAKE SURE THOSE MESSAGES AREN'T SENT FROM BEHIND THE WHEEL.</p> <p>My intent always was to change people's mindset about the dangers of texting, not to write tickets to people.</p> <p>IN 2008, ABOUT 800 THOUSAND DRIVERS NATIONWIDE USED A HAND-HELD CELL PHONE AT ANY MOMENT DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.</p> <p>ALTHOUGH THE IMPACT OF TEXT MESSAGING AND CRASHES IS UNKNOWN, 18 STATES HAVE PASSED TEXTING WHILE DRIVING BANS.</p> <p>ON WEDNESDAY, SEVERAL MISSOURI LOBBYISTS TESTIFIED IN SUPPORT OF AN ALL-AGES BAN</p> <p>IN THE FIRST FIVE MONTHS OF THE TEXTING AND DRIVING LAW, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL ISSUED 13 TICKETS, RESULTING IN EIGHT CONVICTIONS... BUT THE AGE RESTRICTION IS TOUGH TO ENFORCE.</p> <p>"Sometimes it's a little difficult to tell the age of a driver based as they're going by or even while they're sitting in traffic."</p> <p>ONE LAWMAKER SAID THE BAN ALREADY COVERS THE PEOPLE MOST AFFECTED.</p> <p>"I don't have any problem telling my kids what to do, but I have a real problem telling my dad what to do. But I'm not going to tell him what to do because he doesn't text yet, so we better hurry up and get this done or my dad's going to be a problem."</p> <p>THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE DID NOT TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION ON THE BILL.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/28	6 p.m.	1:20	<p>DURING LAST NIGHTS STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS, PRESIDENT OBAMA TOUCHED ON THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>NOW THAT FUTURE IS MAKING ITS WAY TO THE MIDWEST.</p> <p>THE GAP BETWEEN TWO OF THE MIDWEST'S BIGGEST CITIES WILL SOON GET SMALLER.</p>

					<p>THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AWARDED MORE THAN ONE BILLION DOLLARS IN STIMULUS MONEY TO A HIGH SPEED RAIL CORRIDOR BETWEEN ST. LOUIS AND CHICAGO.</p> <p>THE PURPOSE OF THE RAILWAY IS TO CUT DOWN TRAVEL TIME BETWEEN THE TWO CITIES.</p> <p>THOSE PROJECTS WERE OUTLINED AT THE MISSOURI CONFERENCE ON TRANSPORTATION.</p> <p>THE CONFERENCE FOCUSED ON FUNDING FOR SEVERAL OF MISSOURI'S FUTURE PROJECTS.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Five	1/29	5 p.m.	:40	<p>WORKERS WILL INSTALL THE CAMERAS, WEATHER PERMITTING, AT SOME POINT OVER THE WEEKEND.</p> <p>AND THEY ARE EXPECTED TO GO LIVE IMMEDIATELY.</p> <p>DRIVERS HEADING NORTH ON STADIUM FROM FORUM WILL BE THOSE GETTING THEIR PICTURES TAKEN.</p> <p>AS WELL AS TRAFFIC HEADING NORTH AND SOUTH BOUND ON STADIUM AT PROVIDENCE.</p> <p>VIOLATIONS NOT INVOLVING AN ACCIDENT WILL EARN A FEE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY DOLLARS.</p> <p>IF THE VIOLATION DOES INVOLVE AN ACCIDENT IT'S PUNISHABLE BY A FEE OF UP TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AS WELL AS UP TO THREE MONTHS IN JAIL.</p> <p>THE CATCH HERE IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO GRACE PERIOD FOR RED LIGHT RUNNERS AT THESE INTERSECTIONS.</p> <p>POLICE WILL START ISSUING TRAFFIC CITATIONS IMMEDIATELY</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Six	1/30	6 p.m.	:30	<p>THE TRIAL OF MAN ALLEGEDLY BEHIND THE NINE-ELEVEN TERROR ATTACKS WILL NOT BE IN NEW YORK CITY.</p> <p>JUSTICE OFFICIALS SAY THEY HAVE BEGUN LOOKING FOR A NEW LOCATION FOR THE TRIAL OF KHALID SHEIK (KHA-LEED SHAKE) MOHAMMED - THE SELF-PROCLAIMED MASTERMIND OF THE ATTACKS... AND FOUR OTHERS.</p>

					<p>A GROWING NUMBER OF CITY OFFICIALS AND MEMBERS OF CONGRESS CALLED FOR MOVING THE TRIAL BECAUSE OF SECURITY AND COST CONCERNS.</p> <p>A MONTH AGO A JURY FOUND HIM GUILTY OF MURDERING HIS TWO-YEAR-OLD SON.</p> <p>TODAY, HE FOUND OUT HE'LL SPEND DECADES BEHIND BARS.</p> <p>TODAY A JUDGE SENTENCED HORACE JOHNSON TO THIRTY YEARS BEHIND BARS FOR THE JUNE 2008 MURDER OF CORTEZ JOHNSON. ANGIE, WHEN JUDGE KEVIN CRANE READ THE SENTENCE..</p> <p>JOHNSON FELL SILENT AND TURNED HIS BACK ON THE JUDGE.</p> <p>A JURY FOUND JOHNSON GUILTY OF SECOND-DEGREE MURDER IN DECEMBER OF 2009 FOR THE DEATH OF HIS 2-YEAR-OLD SON CORTEZ.</p> <p>CORTEZ'S MOTHER KEYONDA LUMPKIN WAS ALSO FOUND GUILTY OF SECOND DEGREE MURDER AND SHE WAS SENTENCED TO 24 YEARS IN PRISON BACK IN OCTOBER.</p> <p>JOHNSON'S ATTORNEY STEVEN WYSE ARGUED THAT JOHNSON'S LIFE WAS THREATENED WHILE HE WAS IN CUSTODY.</p> <p>HE SAYS COULD MAKE AN EXCELLENT APPEAL ISSUE FOR JOHNSON.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Five	1/31	5 p.m.	1:10	<p>THE CITY OF COLUMBIA TAKES UP TWO ISSUES TONIGHT THAT HAVE BEEN GENERATING DEBATE FOR MONTHS.</p> <p>IN JUST A MINUTE WE'LL HEAR ABOUT A NEW IDEA FOR HOW THE CITY WILL HANDLE RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING. IT'S A MONDAY MORNING IN EAST COLUMBIA AND TRASH PICKUP IS IN FULL-SWING.</p> <p>BUT FOR SOME COLUMBIA RESIDENTS, THE WAY THEY RECYCLE COULD CHANGE TONIGHT. THE SWITCH AIMS TO PREVENT WASTE CREATED BY USING BAGS.</p> <p>TROY AND ANGELLE HALL SAY THEY'VE BEEN RECYCLING FOR YEARS BUT COULD BE OPEN TO</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/1	6 p.m.	1:00	

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Education	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/2	10 p.m.	1:00	STATE 2-YEAR AND 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS WILL LOSE 5-POINT-2 PERCENT OF THEIR STATE FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 20-11. THAT'S <u>42 MILLION</u> DOLLARS LESS FOR FOUR YEAR SCHOOLS 8 MILLION DOLLARS LESS FOR 2 YEAR SCHOOLS. ALSO, A STATE SENATOR SAYS THE GOVERNOR HAS AGREED TO LET SCHOOLS GET CREDIT LATER FOR THE CURRENT INFLATION OF 2-POINT-7 PERCENT. IN OTHER WORDS, THE SCHOOLS CAN 'BANK' CURRENT INFLATION INCREASES FOR TUITION HIKES LATER. SENATOR SCHAEFER SAYS THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET WOULD ALSO CUT <u>8 MILLION</u> DOLLARS FROM UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AND CLINICS.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/3	6 p.m.	:45	MORE METH CASES OCCURRED IN MISSOURI THAN ANY OTHER STATE IN 2009. THIS IS THE NINTH YEAR MISSOURI HAS RANKED NUMBER-1 IN THE NATION FOR HAVING THE MOST METH LABS <u>AND</u> USE. IN 2008 THERE WERE JUST UNDER 15-HUNDRED CASES. THAT NUMBER ROSE TO NEARLY 18-HUNDRED IN 2009. WITHIN OUR VIEWING AREA, BOONE COUNTY HAD THE HIGHEST NUMBER IN 2009 WITH 29. IN 2008, BOONE WAS ONE OF THE LOWEST WITH ONLY ONE. POLICE AREN'T SURE WHY THE NUMBERS ARE HIGHER IN BOONE COUNTY OR STATEWIDE, BUT THEY HOPE MORE LEGISLATION AND ENFORCEMENT WILL BRING THOSE NUMBERS DOWN.
Drug/Alcohol Abuse + Government	KOMU 8 News at 10	2/4	10 p.m.	1:20	THIS MISSOURI HOUSE BILL USES A LOT OF WORDS TO MAKE DRINKING AND DRIVING COST OFFENDERS A LOT MORE.

					<p>TRUMAN'S BAR AND GRILL OWNER RUSS FISCHER SAYS DRUNK DRIVING IS NOT A PROBLEM WITH HIS CUSTOMERS.</p> <p>"Socially, overconsuming alcohol is becoming increasingly less popular anyway. So any establishment that does prey on that is doomed for failure."</p> <p>STILL, THERE WERE 350 D-W-I ARRESTS IN BOONE COUNTY LAST YEAR ... THOUSANDS MORE STATEWIDE.</p> <p>REPUBLICAN REPRESENTATIVE BRYAN STEVENSON OF SOUTHWEST MISSOURI SPONSORED A BILL TO STEP UP PUNISHMENTS FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS.</p> <p>"Repeat offenders would get a Class A misdemeanor... 90 days revoked license, a year and a half limited driving privileges. But one prosecutor says the bill misses other things... like forcing people to consent to a Breathalyzer."</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/5	6 p.m.	2:30	<p>NEW NUMBERS TODAY FROM THE LABOR DEPARTMENT: COMPANIES SLASHED 20-THOUSAND JOBS IN JANUARY...</p> <p>BUT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IMPROVED, DROPPING FROM 10-PERCENT TO 9.7.</p> <p>THAT MEANS A MIXED PICTURE FOR THE LABOR MARKET AND THE ECONOMY AS A WHOLE.</p> <p>IN TONIGHTS EIGHT ON YOUR MONEY REPORT, WE TAKE A LOOK AT HOW THE NEW CREDIT CARD ACT WILL IMPACT YOU.</p> <p>YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME THICKER CREDIT CARD STATEMENTS RECENTLY.</p> <p>"We've gotten a couple statements that are 7, 8 pages long and with new terms and it will say in the letter that one or more of these terms may apply to your account by such-and-such a date. Well, ok, which ones? And they're very difficult to read."</p> <p>BUT YOUR NEXT STATEMENT SHOULD BE EASIER TO READ.</p> <p>"I'm glad that part of the new credit card law is that terms need</p>

					to be explained in plain language. I think that would be helpful." THE CREDIT CARD ACT OF 2009 TAKES EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 22ND AND IT INCLUDES BIG CHANGES FOR CREDIT CARD COMPANIES.
Health	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/6	6 p.m.	1:10	FARMERS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY GATHERED IN COLUMBIA THIS WEEKEND FOR THE MISSOURI ORGANIC ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCE. THE USDA SPENDS ONLY 1.9 PERCENT OF THEIR RESEARCH BUDGET ON ORGANIC FARMING. ADDITIONALLY, ORGANIC ACREAGE IN THE UNITED STATES IS LESS THAN HALF OF A PERCENT. "Local grocery stores like Clover's in Columbia have supported local organic farmers for blank years, and now big corporations are starting to catch on." CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL, BUYS SOME OF THEIR BLACK BEANS FROM MISSOURI ORGANIC FARMERS. THE CONFERENCE CONTINUES TONIGHT AT MIZZOU'S BRADFORD CONFERENCE CENTER IN COLUMBIA.
Education	KOMU 8 News at 10	2/7	10 p.m.	1:10	THE COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD EXPECTS A 5-POINT-8 MILLION DOLLAR CUT IN STATE FUNDING. AT ITS MEETING TOMORROW THE BOARD WILL VOTE ON 4TH AND 5TH GRADE SPECIALIZED SCIENCE TEACHERS. "You've got to make sure you create that curriculum, that allows science to mean something for those kids, where they can start connecting the dots, and start connecting how science applies to their life. That to me is the story behind the numbers." A STORY THAT WILL HAVE A TURNING POINT AT THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING. THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING WILL BEGIN AT SEVEN P-M TOMORROW IN THE WEST WORLEY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/8	10 p.m.	1:00	<p>COULD A D-V-D GET CONVICTED MURDERER RYAN FERGUSON A NEW SHOT AT FREEDOM?</p> <p>FERGUSON AND CHARLES ERICKSON ARE BEHIND BARS FOR KILLING KENT HEITHOLT IN 2001. NOW, ERICKSON SAYS HE ALONE KILLED THE COLUMBIA TRIBUNE SPORTS EDITOR.</p> <p>HE MADE THE CONFESSION ON CAMERA. THE TAPED CONFESSION IS NOTHING SHORT OF SHOCKING..</p> <p>YOU'LL RECALL THAT ERICKSON POINTED THE FINGER AT FERGUSON IN THE ORIGINAL TRIAL.</p> <p>TODAY I TRAVELED TO THE MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS IN KANSAS CITY TO GET A DVD COPY -- RECORDED IN NOVEMBER -- IN WHICH ERICKSON SAYS HE -- NOT FERGUSON -- STRANGLED HEITHOLT TO DEATH.</p> <p>ERICKSON ORIGINALLY TESTIFIED AGAINST RYAN FERGUSON IN 2005, SAYING FERGUSON HAD COMMITTED THE FINAL ACT OF MURDER.</p> <p>THEN OUT OF THE BLUE -- ON NOVEMBER 22, 2009 -- ERICKSON CONTACTED FERGUSON'S LAWYER SAYING HE WAS CHANGING HIS STORY.</p> <p>NOW - MORE THAN THREE YEARS AFTER THE CONVICTION - ERICKSON EXPLAINS HE WAS THE SOLE MURDERER OF KENT HEITHOLT.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/9	10 p.m.	1:25	<p>3 AND A HALF YEARS AGO, RICHARD ALBRECHT STARTED TEACHING THE BUILDING OPERATIONS CERTIFICATION OR B-O-C COURSE.</p> <p>ALBRECHT IS A LICENSED INSTRUCTOR BUT HE ALSO KNOWS ABOUT ENERGY MANAGEMENT FIRST HAND.</p> <p>HE IS THE FACILITY MANAGER FOR PROGRESS WEST HEALTHCARE IN OFALLON.</p> <p>BUT TO TEACH THIS CLASS HE TRAVELED TO COLUMBIA.</p> <p>"The purpose of the class is to take a look at how we are currently operating our buildings."</p>

					<p>AND FROM THERE ALBRECHT SHOWS STUDENTS HOW OPERATIONS CAN BECOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.</p> <p>FRIDAY'S CLASS THE STUDENT'S FOCUSED ON EFFICIENT LIGHTING TECHNIQUES.</p> <p>"Other topics, we start out with general building systems, energy conservation, electrical systems, HVAC systems, indoor air quality, and lighting."</p> <p>COLUMBIA WATER AND LIGHT ALONG WITH AMEREN UE PROVIDES THE BOC COURSE FOR COMMERCIAL MAINTENANCE WORKERS.</p> <p>MOST STUDENTS ARE FROM BOONE COUNTY, INCLUDING WORKERS FROM GATES RUBBER AND THE CONCRETE COMPANY OF MISSOURI.</p> <p>"The city is involved because we are looking at serving our customers, helping them manage their buildings, manage their utility costs."</p> <p>CLASS SIZE AVERAGES 20 STUDENTS AND THE GROUP MEETS ONCE A MONTH FOR 7 MONTHS.</p> <p>AT THE END OF EACH CLASS, STUDENTS TAKE A TEST OVER THAT DAY'S MATERIAL... AND THERE'S HOMEWORK.</p> <p>"There are take-home projects where the individuals, the students, have to look at their particular facility and apply what they've learned in class to their particular facility and bring back that information."</p> <p>AFTER 7 CLASSES, 7 TESTS AND ALL THAT HOMEWORK, STUDENTS ARE CERTIFIED AS BUILDING OPERATORS LEVEL ONE.</p> <p>A PROCESS ALBRECHT SAYS IS DEFINITELY WORTH IT.</p> <p>"Energy efficiency is the thing that is here to stay."</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/10	6 p.m.	1:20	<p>THE RISING RATE OF OBESITY IS CAUSING BOTH THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO TAKE ACTION.</p> <p>ON TUESDAY, THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE ON CHILD OBESITY.</p>

					<p>MISSOURIANS RANK 13TH IN THE NATION WHEN IT COMES TO OBESITY.</p> <p>SEVENTY PERCENT OF MISSOURI MEN ARE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE, WHILE 57 PERCENT OF MISSOURI WOMEN AND 30 PERCENT OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE.</p> <p>AN AREA EXERCISE SPECIALIST SAYS TODAY'S SOCIETY CONTRIBUTES TO THE TREND.</p> <p>THE GROWING OBESITY EPIDEMIC HAS ONE MISSOURI LAWMAKER DETERMINED TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.</p> <p>BROWN HAS A BILL THAT WOULD CREATE A COMMISSION ON PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF OBESITY.</p> <p>THE GROUP WOULD LIST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OVERWEIGHT ADULTS AND CHILDREN, AS WELL AS COLLECT DATA ABOUT THE EXTENT OF OBESITY IN THE STATE.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/11	6 p.m.	:40	<p>FOR THE SECOND TIME, THE COLUMBIA MAYORAL CANDIDATES SQUARED OFF, THIS TIME AT THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.</p> <p>ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WANT TO FIGURE OUT WHICH CANDIDATE IS BUSINESS MINDED AND WILL BE ABLE TO HELP DRIVE THE COMMUNITY FORWARD.</p> <p>THIS DEBATE WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THIS TIME.</p> <p>THE 3RD AND 4TH WARD CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES ALSO HAD THE CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE.</p> <p>THE FORUM TOUCHED ON SEVERAL TOPICS, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION AND THE POSSIBLE EXPANSION OF STADIUM BOULEVARD TO I-70.</p> <p>SAFETY IN THE COMMUNITY, THE BUDGET, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WERE ALSO SOME TALKING POINTS TODAY.</p>
Education	KOMU 8 News at Five	2/12	5 p.m.	:30	<p>JEFFERSON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS COULD CHANGE SCHOOL HOURS TO DECREASE BUS WAIT TIMES AFTER SCHOOL, AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS ARE ASKING FOR FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS</p>

					<p>HERE'S A POSSIBLE SOLUTION THAT THE DISTRICT'S TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE CAME UP WITH...</p> <p>ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOURS COULD BE MOVED UP TO 7-30.</p> <p>HIGH SCHOOL WOULD START LATER, AT 8-15. AND MIDDLE SCHOOL WOULD START AT 8-35. OFFICIALS STRESS THIS IS ONE OF MANY POSSIBLE PLANS.</p> <p>THEY MAY REACH A FINAL DECISION BY APRIL. FOR THE FULL PROPOSAL AND TO COMMENT ON THE POSSIBLE CHANGES, THERE'S A LINK AT OUR WEBSITE, KOMU-DOT COM.</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/13	6 p.m.	:40	<p>IF YOU PLAN TO GIVE YOUR SWEETHEART CHOCOLATES TOMORROW, YOU MAY BE HELPING THEIR HEALTH.</p> <p>A NEW STUDY FOUND EATING CHOCOLATE MAY OFFER PROTECTION AGAINST STROKES.</p> <p>AMERICAN ACADEMY OF NEUROLOGY RESEARCHERS STUDIED THE EFFECTS OF FLAVONOIDS, AN ANTIOXIDANT IN CHOCOLATE.</p> <p>STUDIES SHOWED ALMOST 45-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO ATE A SERVING OF CHOCOLATE A WEEK WERE 22-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO HAVE A STROKE THAN PEOPLE WHO ATE NO CHOCOLATE.</p> <p>ANOTHER STUDY SHOWS MORE THAN ONE-THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO ATE 50 GRAMS OF CHOCOLATE A WEEK WERE 46-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO DIE AFTER SUFFERING A STROKE.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/14	10 p.m.	1:10	<p>AN OVERNIGHT STANDOFF IN CALLAWAY COUNTY LEAVES MANY QUESTIONS UNANSWERED.</p> <p>THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS THE STANDOFF DID NOT INVOLVE HOSTAGES. THE CALLAWAY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SAYS IT'S STILL INVESTIGATING AND CANNOT COMMENT ON LAST NIGHT'S INCIDENT.</p> <p>HOWEVER, HERE'S WHAT WE KNOW:</p> <p>THE SIX-HOUR STAND-OFF TOOK PLACE AT 76-18</p>

					<p>WILDFLOWER ROAD, THAT'S ABOUT FIVE MILES EAST OF FULTON.</p> <p>AUTHORITIES TOOK A MAN AND A WOMAN IN FOR QUESTIONING, BUT SOON RELEASED THEM WITHOUT ANY CHARGES.</p> <p>EVEN SO, NEIGHBORS I SPOKE WITH TODAY SAY THEY RESCUED AN INJURED GIRL LAST NIGHT WHOD JUST ESCAPED FROM THE STAND-OFF.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/15	10 p.m.	:30	<p>THE MISSOURI SENATE IS PROPOSING A BILL FOR WOMEN SEEKING ABORTIONS IN MISSOURI.</p> <p>WOMEN WOULD HAVE TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT THE FETUS AND WAIT 24 HOURS FOR THE PROCEDURE.</p> <p>ONE LAWMAKER SAYS THE INFORMATION WOULD HELP PERSUADE WOMEN TO CHOOSE OTHER OPTIONS.</p> <p>BUT A PLANNED PARENTHOOD SPOKESPERSON ARGUES THE WAITING PERIOD IS AN UNFAIR BURDEN, AND MOST OF THE INFORMATION IS ALREADY AVAILABLE.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/16	10 p.m.	1:20	<p>A POSSIBLE CHANGE OF VENUE WAS THE SUBJECT OF A HEARING IN THE CASE OF ALYSSA BUSTAMANTE TODAY.</p> <p>BUSTAMANTE IS CHARGED WITH MURDERING NINE-YEAR-OLD ELIZABETH OL TEN BACK IN OCTOBER. THE 16 YEAR OLD PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO FIRST DEGREE MURDER IN DECEMBER.</p> <p>BOTH ATTORNEYS EVENTUALLY AGREED TO SELECT JURORS FROM ANOTHER COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE CASE.</p> <p>THE TRIAL WILL TAKE PLACE IN MID-MISSOURI.</p>
Education	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/17	6 p.m.	1:10	<p>AS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS SEARCH FOR THE PERFECT SCHOOL, COLLEGES ARE SEEING RECORD NUMBER OF APPLICANTS...AND M-U IS NO EXCEPTION SINCE THIS</p>

					<p>TIME LAST YEAR. THE M-U OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS HAS SEEN A 6.1 PERCENT INCREASE IN APPLICATIONS.</p> <p>DIRECTOR OF ADMISSIONS BARBARA RUPP FEELS ONE OF THE BIGGEST ATTRACTIONS IS THE PRICE.</p> <p>"While other big land grants and research universities are raising their tuition, ours has stayed the same so it's made us a fairly affordable option for a number of out of state students."</p> <p>CURRENTLY, ABOUT 25,000 IN STATE STUDENTS ATTEND M-U COMPARED TO JUST UNDER 7,000 OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS. OUT OF STATE TUITION IS ABOUT 10 THOUSAND DOLLARS MORE THAN IN STATE.</p> <p>IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL IF THESE OUT OF STATE STUDENTS WILL ATTEND M-U IN THE FALL, BUT FOR NOW THEY'RE KEEPING THE TIGERS ON THE SHORT LIST.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/18	10 p.m.	:50	<p>JUST HOW MUCH WEIGHT SHOULD THE STATE GIVE TO A VIDEO-TAPED CONFESSION?</p> <p>IN THE CASE OF "CHUCK" ERICKSON THE MISSOURI ATTORNEY GENERAL IS SAYING "NONE."</p> <p>LAST WEEK WE SHOWED YOU VIDEO OF ERICKSON SAYING HE -- NOT RYAN FERGUSON -- KILLED COLUMBIA TRIBUNE SPORTS EDITOR KEN HEITHOLT IN 2001.</p> <p>FERGUSON'S NEW ATTORNEY USED THE TAPE AS A BASIS FOR SEEKING A NEW TRIAL -- SAYING ERICKSON'S FALSE TESTIMONY IN 2005 SENT HER CLIENT TO PRISON, AND THAT ERICKSON LIED IN EXCHANGE FOR A LIGHTER SENTENCE.</p>
Crime/Government	KOMU 8 News at Five	2/19	5 p.m.	1:00	<p>A NEW REPORT FILED BY AN ANTI-GUN GROUP SAYS MISSOURI'S GUN LAWS LACK COMMON SENSE.</p> <p>THE BRADY CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT GUN VIOLENCE SAYS THE STATE EARNED FOUR POINTS OUT OF THE POSSIBLE 100.</p> <p>THE GROUP GAVE THE STATE A SCORE OF ZERO IN FOUR CATEGORIES: STOPPING FIREARM TRAFFICKING, STRENGTHENING BACKGROUND CHECKS,</p>

					<p>ADDING CHILD SAFETY, AND BANNING MILITARY-STYLE WEAPONS.</p> <p>BUT GUN RIGHTS PROPONENTS SAY THE LAWS HERE ARE FINE.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/20	10 p.m.	2:00	<p>STARTING MONDAY, NEW CREDIT CARD RULES TAKE EFFECT, AND SOME ARE PRETTY SIGNIFICANT. EASY TO START, HARD TO STOP. THE AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD CARRIES A CREDIT CARD DEBT OF MORE THAN \$10,000.</p> <p>THE NEW RULES ARE MEANT TO OFFER NEW PROTECTIONS, EVEN IF YOU'RE NOT SURE WHAT THEY ARE.</p> <p>"There are so many changes with the economy, it's crazy."</p> <p>"I don't think it will have much effect because we still use ours more as a convenience and then pay it off each month."</p> <p>"I prefer to pay it off every month, but we still have some debt, usually around Christmas."</p> <p>STARTING MONDAY, CREDIT CARD ISSUERS CAN'T RAISE RATES FOR ONE YEAR WHEN YOU OPEN A NEW ACCOUNT. AND IF THEY RAISE RATES ON EXISTING ACCOUNTS, THAT NEW RATE APPLIES ONLY TO NEW PURCHASES, NOT YOUR OLD BALANCE.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/21	10 p.m.	:20	<p>GASOLINE PRICES HAVE DROPPED OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS.</p> <p>ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL LUNDBERG SURVEY, THE AVERAGE PRICE FOR A GALLON OF REGULAR GAS IS NOW TWO-DOLLARS AND 63-CENTS A GALLON.</p> <p>THAT'S DOWN MORE THAN THREE-CENTS. THE LOWEST AVERAGE PRICE FOR REGULAR GAS IS 2-32 PER GALLON IN CHEYENNE, WYOMING...</p> <p>THE HIGHEST PRICE WAS FOUND IN HONOLULU AT THREE-DOLLARS 33-CENTS A GALLON.</p> <p>SNOW PACKED THE STREETS AND ICE COATED THE SIDEWALKS OF NORTHERN MID-MISSOURI WHICH MEANT MORE SCHOOL CLOSINGS TODAY.</p>
Education	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/22	10 p.m.	:40	

					<p>SALISBURY R-4 SCHOOL DISTRICT HAD ANOTHER SNOW DAY, THE FIFTH THIS ACADEMIC YEAR.</p> <p>THAT MEANS STUDENTS WILL HAVE TO MAKE UP THOSE FIVE MISSED DAYS AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR... BUT NOT ALL STUDENTS HAVE TO MAKE UP THOSE DAYS.</p> <p>THE DISTRICT HAS ONE MORE SCHEDULED SNOW DAY. BUT IF ANY MORE OCCUR, THE SCHOOL BOARD WILL DISCUSS HOW TO MAKE UP THOSE DAYS.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/23	10 p.m.	1:10	<p>CITY OFFICIALS WANTED TO TOUCH ON THREE MAIN POINTS.</p> <p>EDUCATE, VALIDATE WHAT RESIDENTS SAID IN THE LAST MEETING, AND GET ADDITIONAL PUBLIC INPUT.</p> <p>"It's a joint plan between city and county."</p> <p>HIS PERSONAL GOAL...</p> <p>"Find a way to preserve variety of character in Boone County to not have it eventually end up a single urbanized area."</p> <p>SOME WANT TO MAINTAIN RURAL QUALITY.</p> <p>"We hear repeatedly as we go out and to public forums you have all this vacant commercial property. Why not reuse it. You don't need to spoil an area that's untouched right now."</p> <p>ONE RESIDENT SAYS WHAT HE DOES NOT WANT WITH THIS EXPANSION PLAN.</p> <p>"I would not want to have a four-lane highway made on New Haven Road."</p> <p>BUT HE DOES WANT THE CITY TO FOCUS ON STORMWATER RUNOFF.</p> <p>"I think I would like to have more attention to some permeable surfaces that we have right now." CITY OFFICIALS SAY THE NEXT MEETING WILL TALK MORE ABOUT HOW THE LAND WILL BE DEVELOPED.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/24	6 p.m.	4:45	<p>LAST NIGHT, THE FULTON CITY COUNCIL VOTED 6 TO 2 TO PAY ITS PART OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER.</p>

					<p>THE ISSUE WASN'T WHETHER THE COUNCIL WAS GOING TO PAY, BUT HOW MUCH.</p> <p>THE FIGHT IS CENTERED AROUND 10%.</p> <p>COUNTY COMMISSIONERS INTERPRET IT ONE WAY; FULTON CITY OFFICIALS INTERPRET IT ANOTHER. (Doc) "It's been ugly. It's been very ugly." (Charlie) "It's very frustrating."</p> <p>THE CALLAWAY COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TAKES ABOUT A MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR TO RUN.</p> <p>AMEREN UE PAYS A QUARTER OF THAT; A TELEPHONE TAX ON LAND LINES PAYS ANOTHER QUARTER</p> <p>USING A FORMULA BASED ON EACH ENTITY'S CALL VOLUME, THE REMAINING 50 PERCENT COMES FROM THE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS, THE CITY OF FULTON, AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPT.</p> <p>AND IT'S HOW THEY SPLIT THAT 50 % THAT'S BEEN THE ISSUE HERE.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News Today	2/25	4:30 a.m.	:40	<p>THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL ANNOUNCED ITS INVESTIGATION WILL NOT LEAD TO CHARGES AGAINST A JEFFERSON CITY ADMINISTRATOR.</p> <p>BUT, THERE'S SOME DISAGREEMENT IN THE MATTER.</p> <p>ON JANUARY 15th.... CITY ADMINISTRATOR, STEVE RASMUSSEN, WAS SLUMPED OVER IN HIS CAR AND UNRESPONSIVE.</p> <p>15 FIREFIGHTERS RESPONDED TO A CALL AT THE BUILDING RIGHT NEXT TO HIS CAR AND SAY HE WAS ACTING INTOXICATED.</p> <p>RASMUSSEN IS ATTRIBUTING HIS ACTIONS TO A SLEEP DISORDER.</p> <p>COLE COUNTY PROSECUTOR, MARK RICHARDSON, SAYS THE INVESTIGATION WAS NOT DONE PROPERLY, AND RASMUSSEN BLOCKED A POLICE INVESTIGATION.</p>

Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News Today	2/26	4:30 a.m.	4:00	<p>KEEP AN EYE ON AIRLINE STOCKS TODAY AS A MASSIVE SNOWSTORM KEEPS PLANES GROUNDED.</p> <p>PLUS, MAJOR CARRIERS ARE OFFERING SOME INTERESTING THINGS TO LURE MORE PASSENGERS INTO FIRST CLASS. THE WORLD'S TWO LARGEST CARRIERS ARE COUNTING ON *SOUPED-UP* AMENITIES TO WIN BACK THEIR FIRST CLASS FLYERS.</p> <p>WITH THE EASING OF AN 18-MONTH GLOBAL SLUMP IN FIRST-AND-BUSINESS-CLASS TRAVEL, DELTA'S SEATS THAT RECLINE 180 DEGREES INTO COMFY BEDS, AND AMERICAN'S ASIAN FUSION APPETIZERS ARE SOME WAYS THEY ARE TRYING TO LURE IN THEIR MOST PROFITABLE CUSTOMERS, WHO CAN PAY UP TO \$5-THOUSAND BUCKS FOR A SEAT.</p> <p>THOUGH TAHITIAN CRAB SOUP STILL WON'T BE ENOUGH TO GET HUNDREDS OF PLANES IN THE AIR, OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS.</p> <p>WITH A WINTER STORM PUMMELING THE NORTHEAST, AIRLINES HAVE CANCELED FLIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE NEW YORK, BOSTON, AND PHILADELPHIA REGION.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	2/27	6 p.m.	1:00	<p>REPUBLICAN SENATE CANDIDATE ROY BLUNT IS GETTING A CAMPAIGN BOOST FROM MINNESOTA GOVERNOR TIM PAWLENTY.</p> <p>PAWLENTY CAME TO ST. LOUIS FRIDAY NIGHT AS THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER FOR THE REPUBLICANS' ANNUAL LINCOLN DAYS CONFERENCE.</p> <p>HE ALSO SPOKE AT A FUNDRAISER FOR BLUNT'S SENATE CAMPAIGN.</p> <p>IN MISSOURI, HE CRITICIZED THE DEMOCRATIC-LED CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA FOR RUNNING UP THE NATION'S DEBT WITH "MASSIVE" AND "RIDICULOUS" SPENDING.</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Ten	2/28	10 p.m.	2:00	<p>"YOU'RE GIVEN THE NEWS YOU HAVE CANCER... YOU WANT IT GONE.</p> <p>AND SECONDARILY, YOU DON'T WANT TO BE DISFIGURED IN THE PROCESS.</p>

					<p>THERE'S AN APPROACH THAT ALMOST ALWAYS ACCOMPLISHES BOTH WHEN IT COMES TO SKIN CANCER, AND THAT'S THE FOCUS OF THIS WEEK'S YOUR HEALTH.</p> <p>THE MOHS TECHNIQUE IS NAMED AFTER THE DOCTOR WHO INVENTED IT MORE THAN 70 YEARS AGO. IT HAS ABOUT A 99 PERCENT CURE RATE BECAUSE DOCTORS LOOK BEYOND THE VISIBLE DISEASE... TO THE MICROSCOPIC LEVEL.</p> <p>MOHS ISN'T NECESSARY FOR MOST CANCERS AND IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN OTHER SURGICAL APPROACHES.</p> <p>ALSO, FOLLOW-UP IS KEY SINCE TWO OUT OF FIVE SKIN CANCER PATIENTS WILL HAVE A RECURRENCE AT SOME POINT IN THEIR LIVES.</p>
Health/Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/1	10 p.m.	:30	<p>A WITCH HUNT OVER WATER QUALITY.</p> <p>THAT'S THE ACCUSATION FROM DEMOCRATS ON A COMMITTEE INVESTIGATING E-COLI AT THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS.</p> <p>A SENATE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE BEGAN AN INVESTIGATION, AFTER THE DNR DELAYED PUBLICIZING HIGH LEVELS OF THE BACTERIA.</p> <p>THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT -- WRITTEN BY REPUBLICANS -- RECOMMENDS TRANSFERRING WATER QUALITY TESTING TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE DNR LACKS RESOURCES FOR THE JOB.</p>
Jobs/Economy	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/2	10 p.m.	:50	<p>THE STATE'S BUDGET OFFICE RELEASED FEBRUARY'S TOTAL REVENUE NUMBERS.</p> <p>AND THEY SHOW A NEED FOR MORE BUDGET CUTS TO MAKE UP FOR SHORTFALLS.</p> <p>MISSOURI'S TOTAL REVENUE IS DOWN 14.6% FROM LAST FEBRUARY.</p> <p>THE STATE'S LARGEST SOURCE OF REVENUE...INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX IS DOWN 8.73%</p>

					<p>AND THE LARGEST DECREASE BY FAR COMES FROM MISSOURI'S INTEREST AN 81.8% DECREASE.</p> <p>AT THE SAME TIME THE STATE IS LOOKING AT A POTENTIAL 5 OR 6 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLAR SHORTFALL FOR 20-11'S BUDGET</p>
Health/Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/3	10 p.m.	:30	<p>THE MISSOURI HOUSE HEARD A BILL TODAY THAT WOULD REGULATE INDOOR TANNING PROPOSALS INCLUDE MAKING TANNING ILLEGAL FOR THOSE UNDER THE AGE OF SIXTEEN AND MAKING EYEWEAR MANDATORY.</p> <p>TANNING'S ADDICTIVE NATURE IS SOMETHING BILL SUPPORTERS AND TANNERS AGREE ON.</p> <p>"I feel like it's definitely addicting. Like once you keep tanning, it's just like you feel like you have to keep going."</p> <p>THE BILL WOULD ALSO REQUIRE TANNING SALONS TO GET A LICENSE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.</p>
Drug/Alcohol Abuse	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/4	6 p.m.	:45	<p>SMOKERS OF THE CONTROVERSIAL SUBSTANCE K-2 MAY SOON HAVE TO KICK THE HABIT.... OR FACE FELONY CHARGES.</p> <p>A BILL BANNING THE USE OF K2 HAS MADE ITS WAY FROM THE SENATE COMMITTEE ONTO THE CHAMBER FLOOR FOR A VOTE.</p> <p>THE BILL WOULD MAKE THE CHEMICAL COMPOUND USED IN K-2 A SCHEDULE ONE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE.</p> <p>THAT MEANS THERE'S A HIGH POTENTIAL FOR ABUSE AND IT'S NOT ACCEPTED IN MEDICAL TREATMENT.</p> <p>IT ALSO MEANS THE DRUG COMES WITH HEALTH RISKS.</p> <p>IF THE BILL PASSES IT WOULD BE IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS MARIJUANA, HEROINE, AND METH, AMONG OTHER ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES.</p>

Health	KOMU 8 News at Five	3/5	5 p.m.	1:00	<p>A NEW STUDY IN MICE SUGGESTS EXPOSURE TO CHEMICAL BISPHENOL-A OR B-P-A... MAY BE LINKED TO ASTHMA.</p> <p>B-P-A IS FOUND IN SOME PLASTICS AND THE ALUMINUM LINING OF FOOD AND DRINK CANS.</p> <p>IN EXPERIMENTS WITH MICE, RESEARCHERS FOUND THAT EXPECTANT MOTHERS EXPOSED TO B-P-A HAD PUPS WITH MORE ALLERGIES AND BRONCHIAL INFLAMMATION.</p> <p>RESEARCHERS SAY ASTHMA RATES BEGAN INCREASING ABOUT 40 YEARS AGO -- THE SAME TIME B-P-A WAS FIRST PRODUCED.</p> <p>A FOOD ADDITIVE THAT'S CONTAMINATED WITH SALMONELLA COULD BE AN INGREDIENT IN SEVERAL THOUSAND FOOD PRODUCTS... HOWEVER ITS UNLIKELY TO MAKE ANYONE SICK.</p> <p>THE ADDITIVE IS CALLED HYDROLYZED VEGETABLE PROTEIN -- H-V-P FOR SHORT -- AND IT'S USED AS A FLAVOR ENHANCER IN DIPS, SAUCES AND MANY OTHER PROCESSED FOODS.</p> <p>MORE THAN 30 PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN RECALLED.</p> <p>THE THREAT IS MINOR BECAUSE THE PRODUCTS ARE OFTEN COOKED, KILLING THE SALMONELLA.</p> <p>AS THE MOHLER MOLESTATION TRIALS BEGIN TO COME TOGETHER, INVESTIGATORS MAY HAVE TO PUT TOGETHER A NEW CASE AGAINST ONE OF ITS VICTIMS.</p> <p>LEGAL EXPERTS SAY THE CLAIM THAT ONE SUSPECT FORCED YOUNG MOLESTATION VICTIMS TO KILL A MAN WILL CREATE AN UPHILL CLIMB FOR PROSECUTORS.</p> <p>HOMICIDE CHARGES HAVEN'T BEEN FILED, AND OFFICIALS WON'T SAY WHETHER A HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION IS EVEN UNDER WAY.</p> <p>INVESTIGATORS SAY SIX MEMBERS OF THE</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/6	6 p.m.	:35	

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Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/7	10 p.m.	1:20	
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/8	6 p.m.	1:30	<p>POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO IDENTIFY THE REMAINS OF A MAN DISCOVERED IN NORTH COLUMBIA THIS WEEKEND.</p>

					<p>COLUMBIA POLICE SAY THEY THINK THEY KNOW WHO IT IS, BUT NOTHING IS FOR SURE UNTIL TOMORROW.</p> <p>THAT'S WHEN THE AUTOPSY IS SCHEDULED.</p> <p>TODAY I SPOKE WITH COLUMBIA POLICE WHO TELL ME THEY'LL COMPARE MEDICAL RECORDS WITH THE REMAINS TO CONFIRM THE IDENTITY.</p> <p>HOWEVER, NONE OF THIS ANSWERS THE QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS MAN?</p> <p>THE BODY WAS IN THE WOODS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS BEFORE A BOY DISCOVERED IT SATURDAY MORNING.</p> <p>POLICE SAY THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE MAN WAS HOMELESS AT THE TIME HE DIED.</p> <p>COMPLICATING THE CASE, THE BOY IS 13.</p> <p>POLICE SAY WHILE IT CAN BE DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO STUMBLE ON A SCENE LIKE THIS...</p> <p>... ITS ESPECIALLY HARD ON A MINOR.</p>
Consumer Issues	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/9	10 p.m.	1:00	<p>THE I-R-S WILL EASE RULES FOR THOSE FACING TOUGH TIMES -- BY ALLOWING FLEXIBILITY FOR TAXPAYERS. THOUSANDS OF MISSOURIANS WILL GET TAX FILING ASSISTANCE AT PREPARATION PLACES LIKE THIS.</p> <p>THE I-R-S IS GIVING ITS AGENTS MORE FLEXIBILITY, TO HELP TAXPAYERS WHO'VE SEEN THEIR INCOMES DROP.</p> <p>FIRST, THE AGENTS WILL BE ABLE TO COMPROMISE -- AND NEGOTIATE TAX SETTLEMENTS FOR LESS THAN THE AMOUNT OWED.</p> <p>THE AGENCY WILL CONSIDER MANY FACTORS FOR THE RECENTLY UNEMPLOYED ... NOT JUST FOR 2009, BUT ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT TAXPAYERS MAY EARN IN THE FUTURE.</p> <p>AND THE I-R-S WILL ALSO HAVE SATURDAY OPEN HOUSES WHERE TAXPAYERS CAN TALK THROUGH THEIR ISSUES WITH AGENTS FACE TO FACE.</p> <p>TODAY I VISITED A TAX-HELP SITE ON THE M-U CAMPUS.</p> <p>A TAX PRO THERE TOLD ME THIS IS A NEW SIDE TO THE I-R-S.</p>

Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/10	10 p.m.	2:30	<p>THE PRESIDENT PICKS MISSOURI TO MAKE HIS FINAL PUSH TO PASS HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION.</p> <p>PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA PROCLAIMED THE TIME FOR TALK ON HEALTH CARE IS OVER, THE TIME TO VOTE IS NOW.</p> <p>THE PRESIDENT STOPPED AT ST. CHARLES HIGH SCHOOL TO BRING HIS MESSAGE TO MISSOURIANS. 58 YEARS IN ST. CHARLES, 30 YEARS IN THE SAME HOUSE.</p> <p>MARGARET KEYES VIEW HAS NEVER LOOKED LIKE THIS.</p> <p>THIS CHANGE CAME FROM A MAN WHO CAMPAIGNED ON IT.</p> <p>"Ladies and Gentlemen, the President of the United States. "</p> <p>THE TOPIC: HEALTH CARE.</p> <p>THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSAL WOULD GIVE EXTENDED COVERAGE TO MORE THAN 30 MILLION AMERICANS.</p> <p>"The Health Care system has millions of dollars that should go to patient care, and it's lost every year. "</p> <p>BUT NOT EVERYONE THINKS THE PROPOSALS PERFECT.</p> <p>The American people came out in the last pole, and said 63% saying they don't like this bill, and he's supposed to represent the people."</p> <p>CURRENTLY MORE THAN 40 MILLION AMERICANS ARE UNINSURED.</p> <p>FENNY DORSEY OF MEXICO, MISSOURI IS ONE OF THEM.</p> <p>We need quality affordable health care, and we need it now, and we need it for everybody."</p> <p>THE WHITE HOUSE PREDICTS THE PRESIDENT'S PLAN WILL COST 950 BILLION DOLLARS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.</p> <p>AND OPPONENTS SAY THAT PUTS THE POWER IN THE WRONG PLACE.</p>
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Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/11	6 p.m.	3:00	<p>COLUMBIA'S MAYORAL ELECTION IS QUICKLY APPROACHING.</p> <p>BUT TONIGHT, WE BRING YOU A LOOK AT THE ROLE OF MAYOR IN COLUMBIA'S GOVERNMENT. THERE'S A SLIGHT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE MAYOR'S POWERS ACCORDING TO THE CITY CHARTER... AND HOW IT ACTUALLY PLAYS OUT.</p> <p>MAYOR HINDMAN TALKED ABOUT THAT... AND REFLECTED ON HIS YEARS IN OFFICE AS MAYORAL ELECTIONS NEAR.</p> <p>THE HINTS OF SPRING HAVE SOME <u>SINGING</u>...</p> <p>BUT OTHERS SEE THIS AS <u>SIGNING</u> SEASON...</p> <p>CAMPAIGN TIME FOR COLUMBIA'S MAYORAL RACE HAS SIX CANDIDATES VYING FOR THE SPOT MAYOR DARWIN HINDMAN HELD FOR</p> <p>"15 years"</p> <p>"It's just a much more demanding job than it used to be. Especially as far as time is concerned."</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/12	10 p.m.	1:00	<p>AFTER A THREE YEAR DISCUSSION ON THE TOPIC, WESTMINSTER COLLEGE IS GOING SMOKE-FREE.</p> <p>THIS PAST YEAR WAS A TRANSITION PERIOD WITH VARIOUS DESIGNATED SMOKING AREAS AROUND CAMPUS.</p> <p>AS OF JULY, THOSE AREAS WILL GO AWAY, AND SMOKING WILL BE COMPLETELY FORBIDDEN ON CAMPUS GROUNDS UNLESS YOU'RE IN YOUR CAR.</p> <p>STUDENT INPUT WAS A BIG PART OF THE DECISION, BUT THERE ARE STILL SOME WHO AREN'T HAPPY WITH THE ADJUSTMENT.</p> <p>We have students who are very committed to this particular habit, and we respect their right, we just don't want... we just want them to understand the other side of this."</p> <p>A lot of people are very in favor and the smokers are obviously very against it. It's been all over Facebook of course, everyone statuses are either enraged or excited."</p> <p>HANSEN SAYS THE CAMPUS RADIO STATION IS PLANNING A SEGMENT FOR STUDENTS AND</p>

					ADMINISTRATION TO SHAT ON THE TOPIC.
Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/13	10 p.m.	:30	<p>DEMOCRATIC SENATE CANDIDATE ROBIN CARNAHAN IS BACKING A BAN ON CONGRESSIONAL SPENDING EARMARKS.</p> <p>AND REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE ROY BLUNT SAYS HE WILL ABIDE BY A ONE-YEAR DELAY ON EARMARKS.</p> <p>BUT RETIRING SENATOR KIT BOND WARNED THAT CUTTING EARMARKS WOULD GIVE THE WHITE HOUSE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES MORE CONTROL OVER WHERE FEDERAL MONEY GOES IN MISSOURI.</p> <p>HOUSE REPUBLICANS SAID THEY WONT INSERT ANY EARMARKS FOR LOCAL PROJECTS IN THIS YEARS SPENDING BILLS.</p> <p>WHILE DEMOCRATS SAID THEY WONT EARMARK SPENDING TO FOR-PROFIT COMPANIES.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/14	10 p.m.	:50	<p>MU'S SPRING BREAK IS LESS THAN TWO WEEKS AWAY AND COLUMBIA POLICE ARE LOOKING TO PREVENT BURGLARIES THAT OFTEN OCCUR IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORHOODS WHEN SCHOOL'S OUT.</p> <p>EAST CAMPUS IS ONE OF THOSE COMMUNITIES WITH A LARGE STUDENT POPULATION.</p> <p>SO TO BE PROACTIVE, THE COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IS OFFERING ENGRAVING SERVICES AND HOME-SECURITY TIPS.</p> <p>IT'S TAKING PLACE THIS TUESDAY MARCH 16TH FROM THREE TO SEVEN P-M AT COLUMBIA FIRE STATION NUMBER EIGHT.</p> <p>UNFORTUNATELY, THE EVENT COMES TOO LATE FOR ONE COLUMBIA RESIDENT.</p> <p>I think they know that students live here and they know we have laptops and they know we have iPods and they know a lot of us have video game systems and big movie collections. And I think we're easy targets, we live in cheap apartments with cheap doors. And they know our schedule, they know when we come and go since our breaks are publicized."</p>

					THIS IS THE FIRST EVENT OF ITS KIND IN COLUMBIA AND IS FREE AND OPEN TO EVERYONE IN THE COMMUNITY.
Heath/Government	KOMU 8 News Today	3/15	4:30 a.m.	:30	<p>A RECENT STUDY RANKS MISSOURI AS THE SECOND WORST STATE IN THE COUNTRY IN STATE SPENDING ON PUBLIC HEALTH INITIATIVES.</p> <p>THE REPORT SAYS MISSOURI'S PUBLIC HEALTH BUDGET SPENT A LITTLE MORE THAN 9-DOLLARS PER PERSON IN THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR.</p> <p>THAT RANKED 49TH NATIONALLY AMONG STATES, AHEAD OF ONLY NEVADA.</p> <p>THE TRUST FOR AMERICA'S HEALTH AND THE ROBERT WOOD JOHNSON FOUNDATION FUNDED THE STUDY.</p>
Education	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/16	10 p.m.	1:25	<p>SAFER ROUTES TO SCHOOL COULD BE IN STORE FOR A COLUMBIA SCHOOL.</p> <p>SHEPARD ELEMENTARY HELD A MEETING TONIGHT TO GET MORE KIDS WALKING. LIVING JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM SHEPARD ELEMENTARY, NATHAN WADMAN FEELS SAFE WALKING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY.</p> <p>"The crossing guards make sure I get across the street and make sure which way, ask me which way I go."</p> <p>BUT TRAFFIC CONGESTION AROUND SHEPARD WORRIES NATHAN'S MOM AMANDA.</p> <p>"I think in the morning it's not bad, they go with the walking school bus, but in the afternoon it gets kind of crazy, especially on Friday."</p> <p>TONIGHT SHEPARD ELEMENTARY HOSTED A SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL COMMUNITY ACTION PLANNING MEETING.</p> <p>"One of the problems for the neighborhood is cut-through traffic. There's a major intersection at old 63 and Stadium and a lot of drivers try to avoid that by cutting down Shepard Boulevard and Audubon going right past the school."</p> <p>NATIONAL CONSULTANT MARK FENTON LED THE PRESENTATION FOR MORE THAN 30 COMMUNITY</p>

					<p>MEMBERS.</p> <p>FENTON OUTLINED SAFE APPROACHES THAT HAVE WORKED AT OTHER SCHOOLS, INCLUDING REMOTE DROP-OFF AND PICK UP AREAS AND REDUCED SPEED LIMITS...SOMETHING WADMAN WOULDN'T MIND SEEING.</p> <p>"Cars seem like they're going a little bit too fast too, and there's so many cars coming through at that time."</p> <p>PARENTS HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THEIR OWN RECOMMENDATIONS IN SMALL GROUPS BEFORE PRESENTING THEM TO EVERYONE.</p>
Drug/Alcohol Abuse /Education	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/17	10 p.m.	:30	<p>A SCHOOL AT THE LAKE IS CONSIDERING A STUDENT DRUG TESTING POLICY.</p> <p>SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE STARTED TALKING ABOUT IT AFTER THE MISSOURI SCHOOL BOARD ASSOCIATION ASKED DISTRICTS TO REVIEW THEIR POLICIES.</p> <p>THE HIGH SCHOOL WILL LOOK AT DRUG TESTING PROGRAMS TO SEE WHAT WOULD WORK BEST FOR THEIR STUDENTS.</p> <p>"The whole purpose, we looked at everybody's policy, the purpose is to prevent substance abuse and keep the kids safe" SCHOOL OF THE OSAGE PRINCIPAL MICHAEL WILLIAMS SAYS HE EXPECTS THE BOARD TO REACH A DECISION IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/18	10 p.m.	:40	<p>A FIGHT OUTSIDE LAKOTA COFFEE SHOP IN DOWNTOWN COLUMBIA LED TO POLICE TASERING A MAN THIS AFTERNOON.</p> <p>BY-STANDERS SAY RICCO MARSHALL WAS STANDING OUTSIDE WHEN THE OWNERS SON CAME OUT OF THE STORE AND PUNCHED HIM, KNOCKING HIS CELL PHONE OUT OF HIS HAND.</p> <p>WHEN POLICE SHOWED UP ANOTHER FIGHT BROKE OUT.</p> <p>POLICE TASERED A BYSTANDER WHO OFFICERS SAY TRIED TO ATTACK THEM.</p> <p>A COFFEE-SHOP REGULAR SAYS HE WATCHED</p>

					<p>THE WHOLE THING.</p> <p>MELISE SAYS THE MAN WHO GOT TASERED SCRATCHED AN OFFICER IN THE NECK BEFORE HE WAS TAKEN DOWN.</p>
Government	KOMU 8 News at Five	3/19	5 p.m.	1:00	<p>THE MISSOURI SENATE WILL SPEND TUESDAY SORTING THROUGH SUGGESTIONS FROM MISSOURIANS ON WAYS TO IMPROVE THE STATE GOVERNMENT.</p> <p>TWO WEEKS AGO SENATE MAJORITY LEADER CHARLIE SHIELDS ANNOUNCED THE "REBOOTING GOVERNMENT" WEBSITE.</p> <p>MORE THAN A THOUSAND MISSOURIANS HAVE SUBMITTED IDEAS RANGING FROM THINGS LIKE INCREASING TAXES TO HAVING A 4-DAY GOVERNMENT WORK WEEK.</p> <p>SENATE MAJORITY CAUCUS SPOKESPERSON SAYS LAWMMAKERS WILL CONSIDER EVERY IDEA.</p> <p>"Session doesn't end until May 14, so you can still submit your ideas. But if you'd like your ideas to be considered by the working groups of state senators that we're holding next Tuesday, we encourage you to go ahead and submit your ideas by Monday."</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/20	6 p.m.	:30	<p>THE ELDEST OF SIX MEN IN THE MOHLER FAMILY ACCUSED OF MOLESTING YOUNG RELATIVES WON'T GO TO COURT UNTIL NEXT YEAR.</p> <p>A CLAY COUNTY JUDGE HAS SET BURRELL MOHLER SENIOR'S TRIAL DATE FOR FEBRUARY 2011.</p> <p>HIS BROTHER, DARRELL MOHLER, IS SCHEDULED TO GO ON TRIAL IN CLAY COUNTY ON SEPTEMBER 13 THIS YEAR.</p> <p>THE TWO MEN, ALONG WITH BURRELL MOHLER SENIOR'S FOUR SONS, ARE CHARGED WITH RAPING YOUNG RELATIVES IN THE MID-1980S.</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at 10	3/21	10 p.m.	4:00	<p>CURE RATES ARE INCREASING... BUT CANCER IS STILL THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH FROM DISEASE AMONG U.S. CHILDREN OLDER THAN ONE. DNA IN THE HUMAN</p>

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Government	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/22	10 p.m.	1:20	<p>THE 5 MAYORAL CANDIDATES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBIA SPENT THE EVENING INSIDE GANNETT HALL AT THE MU JOURNALISM SCHOOL.</p> <p>THE CANDIDATES TOOK PART IN A DEBATE HELD BY THE COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN.</p> <p>BUT, THE DEBATE WAS UNLIKE MOST OTHERS BECAUSE THE CANDIDATES ANSWERED 8 QUESTIONS SUBMITTED BY THE PAPER'S READERS.</p> <p>KFRU'S DAVID LILE MODERATED THE DEBATE</p>

					<p>AND READ THE QUESTIONS, WHICH THE CANDIDATES HAD NOT SEEN.</p> <p>THE TOPICS RANGED FROM ANNEXATION OF LAND, POVERTY, SOCIAL SERVICES FUNDING AND CRIME PREVENTION.</p> <p>THIS IS THE THIRD DEBATE WITH THIS FORMAT HOSTED BY THE MISSOURIAN.</p> <p>THE OTHER TWO CAME IN 2004 AND 2007.</p> <p>THE VOTE IS TWO WEEKS FROM TOMORROW ON APRIL 6TH.</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/23	6 p.m.	2:30	<p>COLUMBIA BECAME SMOKE FREE THREE YEARS AGO... NOW MISSOURI LAWMAKERS ARE TALKING ABOUT A STATE-WIDE SMOKING BAN.</p> <p>THE BILL MAKING THE ROUNDS AT THE CAPITOL WOULD MAKE ALL RESTAURANTS, BARS AND BUSINESSES SMOKE FREE... NO EXCEPTIONS.</p> <p>AT BILLIARDS ON BROADWAY YOU WILL HEAR THE RICOCHET OF POOL BALLS, THE SIZZLE OF THE GRILLS AND CHATTER OF CUSTOMERS, BUT THE ONLY THING YOU WILL SMELL IS THE FAMOUS BURGERS... NOT SMOKE.</p> <p>AND THE OWNER COULDN'T BE HAPPIER.</p> <p>"I whole heartedly support the statewide smoking ban without any exemptions."</p> <p>MOLLY AND HER HUSBAND, LES, ALSO SUPPORTED COLUMBIA'S BAN THREE YEARS AGO WHEN THEY DECIDED TO OPEN BILLIARDS ON BROADWAY.</p> <p>SOMETHING THEY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE OTHERWISE.</p> <p>"I can't work in that environment. It would have been really hard because I'm here all the time and it really impacts me personally and my kids couldn't come down here."</p> <p>THE WAGONERS OPENED THEIR BUSINESS IN EARLY 2008 TO PROVIDE A NEW POOL HALL FOR COLUMBIA.</p> <p>THEY BOUGHT THEIR POOL TABLES FROM COLUMBIA BILLIARDS AND RACK 'N' ROLL AFTER THOSE</p>

					<p>TWO LOCATIONS CLOSED AFTER THE SMOKING BAN WENT INTO EFFECT. LEAVING POOL PLAYERS NO WHERE TO GO.</p> <p>THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL AS A SMOKE-FREE BUSINESS AND HOPE THE WHOLE STATE GOES THAT WAY.</p>
Health	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/24	10 p.m.	1:20	<p>AS WASHINGTON PREPARES TO ROLL OUT THE NEW HEALTH CARE LEGISLATION, THERES PART THAT MAY AFFECT YOUR RESTAURANT EATING HABITS.</p> <p>RESTAURANT MENUS WILL CARRY MORE THAN JUST ENTREES AND PRICES.</p> <p>KATIE STRAUSS HAS BEEN COMING TO BANDANA'S BBQ WITH HER HUSBAND FOR YEARS.</p> <p>"Service is good. Food's good."</p> <p>THE FOOD THEY KNOW MIGHT NOT BE CHANGING...</p> <p>BUT THE MENU WILL.</p> <p>"Probably help a lot of people that count their calories."</p> <p>PART OF HEALTH CARE REFORM MEANS ANY RESTAURANT WITH TWENTY OR MORE LOCATIONS HAS TO ADD CALORIE DATA TO ITS MENU.</p> <p>"Bandana's as a company already had that idea prior to the legislation going into effect."</p> <p>WHILE NOT EVERYONE CARES ABOUT THE CHANGE...</p> <p>"It won't change how I eat."</p> <p>MANY OF THE RESTAURANTS CARE ENOUGH TO NOT TALK ABOUT IT.</p> <p>"Which is why I'm here. Within 5 minutes and 5 dollars I had 1/2 to 2/3rds of the calories I need for the day."</p> <p>PANERA BREAD IS ONE RESTAURANT THAT'S ALREADY ADDED THE CALORIES TO ITS MENU.</p> <p>WHICH CHANGES THE CALORIE INTAKE FOR SOME.</p> <p>"My favorite sandwich used to be one of the unhealthiest, so now I can make a better choice."</p> <p>"I think we're being honest with everybody, letting them know</p>

					<p>what we have and what they can get. You know, when you walk out the door, you're gonna know what you just ate and how good or how bad it might've been for you."</p> <p>WHICH MEANS A LOT OF PLACES... WILL BE MAKING SOME CHANGES.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/25	10 p.m.	1:30	<p>PUBLIC SAFETY IS A TOP PRIORITY FOR COLUMBIA POLICE.</p> <p>BUSINESS OWNERS TODAY HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADD THEIR 2-CENTS.</p> <p>BUSINESS OWNERS LIKE MOLLY WAGNER VOICED OPINIONS ABOUT HOW TO IMPROVE DOWNTOWN SAFETY.</p> <p>"If I had a magic wand, I would have them be working tomorrow."</p> <p>SHE FEELS THE CITY NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION.</p> <p>"I am more concerned that the information taken from the forum and the summit to be made into actual remedies to help make downtown a great place."</p> <p>WITH OR WITHOUT SECURITY CAMERAS.</p> <p>"It's important because Columbia is aware of some of our crime issues downtown and Columbia depends a lot on a vital and a very safe and thriving downtown."</p> <p>"The Columbia Neighborhood Watch web site shows where crimes have taken place in the area. To read about specific crimes, click on the blue tabs."</p> <p>WEB SITES LIKE NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH SHOW WHICH AREAS NEED MORE SURVEILLANCE.</p> <p>WAGNER SAYS THE DISTRICT SHOULD REMAIN SAFE IF IDEAS ARE ADDED.</p> <p>"I think through the city council and through Bill Watkins and through the CPD and local business owners, we should work together and get it done."</p> <p>BUSINESS OWNERS HOPE CHANGES WILL TAKE PLACE BY THE END OF THE YEAR.</p>
Education/Economy	KOMU 8 News at Five	3/26	5 p.m.	1:00	<p>STEPHENS COLLEGE JUST TOLD EIGHT OF ITS ATHLETES THEIR SERVICES WON'T BE NEEDED NEXT SCHOOL YEAR.</p>

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Government	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/27	6 p.m.	:50	<p>TONIGHT -- ONE CELEBRATION WILL LOOK BACK AT DARWIN HINDMAN'S 15 YEARS AS COLUMBIA'S MAYOR... AS HIS TIME IN OFFICE COMES TO A CLOSE.</p> <p>THE DINNER WILL INCLUDE A VARIETY OF SPEAKERS FROM AROUND THE COMMUNITY.</p> <p>MAYOR HINDMAN SPOKE EARLIER WITH KOMU ABOUT HIS OWN THOUGHTS ON HIS TIME IN OFFICE.</p> <p>"I've done it 15 years, and it was very tempting to go on, but there is a point at which, wait a minute, I think there are other things in life I'd really like to do, and I'm going to try those."</p> <p>TUNE INTO KOMU 8 NEWS AT 10 TO SEE HOW THE CELEBRATION PLAYED OUT... AND WHO SHOWED UP.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/28	10 p.m.	1:00	<p>SEVERAL SHOTS, BUT NO ARRESTS.</p> <p>IT ALL HAPPENED IN SEDALIA.</p> <p>POLICE SAY 30-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL "MIKE MIKE" SMITH DIED AROUND 4-30 SUNDAY MORNING.</p> <p>A GUNMAN SHOT HIM IN HIS HOME ON 11TH STREET.</p> <p>POLICE SAY WHEN THEY ARRIVED, SMITH'S FRIENDS WERE PERFORMING C-P-R.</p> <p>THE PARAMEDICS TOOK SMITH TO THE HOSPITAL--</p> <p>DOCTORS DECLARED HIM DEAD ABOUT A HALF HOUR LATER.</p> <p>THE SEDALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT HASN'T NAMED ANY SUSPECTS OR MADE ANY ARRESTS.</p>

					<p>I TALKED TO DOZENS OF PEOPLE IN SMITH'S NEIGHBORHOOD TODAY--ALL SHAKEN UP BY THE OVERNIGHT SHOOTING.</p> <p>ONE WOMAN SAYS SHE CAN'T BELIEVE SOMEONE WOULD WANT TO KILL SMITH.</p> <p>SHE SAYS HE LEFT BEHIND A GIRLFRIEND, TWO CHILDREN, AND THE CHANCE TO EARN AN UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM STATE FAIR COMMUNITY COLLEGE..</p> <p>I ALSO RAN ACROSS ONE OF SMITHS HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS WHO TALKED WITH HIM LAST NIGHT. HE SAYS SMITH SEEMED FINE AND WAS IN A GOOD MOOD.</p> <p>MOST OF THE NEIGHBORS DIDN'T EVEN HEAR THE SHOTS RING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT. THEY WERE SHOCKED THE SHOOTING HAPPENED SO CLOSE TO HOME.</p> <p>BUT A NEIGHBOR WHO LIVES ON SOUTH BARRETT AND 12TH STREET SAYS THE NEIGHBORHOOD HAS REALLY STARTED TO CHANGE.</p>
Crime	KOMU 8 News at Five	3/29	5 p.m.	1:10	<p>POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHO SHOT AND KILLED A MAN IN HIS SEDALIA HOME.</p> <p>WE'RE CONTINUING TO FOLLOW A STORY WE FIRST BROUGHT YOU LAST NIGHT.</p> <p>A GUNMAN SHOT 30-YEAR-OLD MICHAEL "MIKE MIKE" SMITH IN HIS HOUSE.</p> <p>A DAY LATER..POLICE STILL DON'T KNOW WHO PULLED THE TRIGGER.</p> <p>POLICE SAY WHEN THEY GOT TO THE HOUSE SMITH'S FRIENDS WERE TRYING TO PERFORM C-P-R.</p> <p>SMITH SUFFERED MULTIPLE GUN SHOT WOUNDS AND DOCTORS WERE UNABLE TO SAVE HIM.</p> <p>POLICE ARE ASKING THE COMMUNITY TO HELP THEM SOLVE THIS CRIME.</p> <p>"Everyone needs to take a look at themselves and say if this happened to me or a family member I need to do the right</p>

					<p>thing. Innocent people could have been hit, children could have been hit. And we need to stop this immediately, so cooperation's going to do that for us."</p> <p>SEDALIA POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A FEW DIFFERENT LEADS RIGHT NOW.</p>
Education	KOMU 8 News at Six	3/30	6 p.m.	:45	<p>IT'S A BIG ISSUE FOR MID-MISSOURI'S BIGGEST SCHOOL DISTRICT.</p> <p>COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HOPE VOTERS APPROVE A 120 MILLION DOLLAR BOND ISSUE IN NEXT WEEKS ELECTION.</p> <p>THIS SCHOOL WILL ONLY GET BUILT IF THE BOND ISSUE PASSES.</p> <p>THE BOND ISSUE DOES NOT INCLUDE A TAX RATE INCREASE.</p> <p>THE DISTRICT SAYS IF PASSED IT WOULD ALSO BUILD ANOTHER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, INCREASE TECHNOLOGY, AND ADD GYMNASIUMS TO BOTH ROCK BRIDGE AND HICKMAN.</p> <p>THIS ALL WOULD HAPPEN OVER FOUR TO FIVE YEARS.</p> <p>RESIDENTS ARE SPLIT ON THE VALUE OF THE BOND ISSUE.</p>
Government/Crime	KOMU 8 News at Ten	3/31	10 p.m.	2:00	<p>WE'RE LESS THAN A WEEK AWAY FROM ELECTION DAY AND TONIGHT WE CONTINUE OUR COVERAGE OF THE ISSUES FOR YOU.</p> <p>DOWNTOWN SAFETY IN COLUMBIA IS A CONCERN FOR SOME.</p> <p>AND VOTERS WILL GET A CHANCE NEXT WEEK TO VOTE TO ALLOW THE POLICE TO PUT SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS THERE.</p> <p>THERE ARE TWO VERY DIFFERENT OPINIONS ABOUT THAT.</p> <p>ONE SIDE SAYS THE CAMERAS WILL HELP POLICE CATCH AND STOP VIOLENT CRIMINALS DOWNTOWN.</p> <p>THE OTHER SIDE THINKS THEY'LL GIVE POLICE TOO MUCH POWER TO INVADY YOUR PRIVACY. IF THE</p>

					<p>MEASURE PASSES THE CITY WILL ASK FOR BIDS TO GET THE CAMERAS.</p> <p>LAST APRIL COLUMBIA TRIED A PILOT PROGRAM FOR 30 DAYS.</p> <p>IF THEY WERE TO USE THE SAME COMPANY THEY WORKED WITH FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM IT WOULD BE AROUND \$50,000 DOLLARS FOR 2 YEARS.</p> <p>PREVIOUSLY THE SPECIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT BOARD OFFERED TO PAY HALF.</p> <p>IF THAT HAPPENS, THE CITY WOULD BE LOOKING AT \$25,000 OVER 2 YEARS.</p> <p>ON OUR WEBSITE WE HAVE POSTED THE PROPOSITION 1 ORDINANCE IN ITS ENTIRETY.</p>
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